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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) Protein vaccine according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a mixture of GP120 proteins of HIV which in each case differ from each other in their amino acid sequence in the region of the V2 loop and/or of the V3 loop.

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